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VICTORIAN TEAM, 1949



Top row: Jack (capt.), Kennedy, Hardman, Weight, White, McDougall.
Front row: Grix, Barr, Stoddart, Wilson, Drennen.

TAKEN AT THE M.C.G. at half-time during the Jugo-Slav versus Victorians game,
this photo reflects the confident spirit of these lads who were the only State side
to take a point from the all-conquering visitors.

ATTENTION, ALL CLUBS !

Next Week, being Easter Week, "Soccer News" will be delivered on Thursday, April 6, instead of Friday, which is Good Friday.

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton.



This year—1950—we extend a welcome to our new President, Mr. Geoffrey Cohen (a keen Soccer enthusiast). It is unfortunate that Mr. Cohen is not with us today as he is at present travelling in England, but on the next page we print a message from him which he sends us from London, to herald the start of what we all feel will be the greatest Victorian soccer year of all time.

From 1949, when a total of 28 clubs fielded a varying number of senior and junior teams, a great advance has been made to 1950, when 38 clubs, fielding senior and junior teams, and two new purely junior teams are taking the field today.

Sad to say, one of last year's teams, Y.C.W.M., has disappeared, but old-timer, Coburg, is back in its place, together with newcomers, Melbourne, Rangers, Royal Caledonians, White Eagles (Jugo-Slav team), Bentleigh, Moorabbin, Navy (from Flinders), Police, J.U.S.T. (also Jugo-Slavs) and from the Western District come two very welcome additions—Geelong Celtic, and, too late for inclusion in the 3rd division, International Harvester, who will play in the 3rd division reserves. In the Junior section are two new purely Junior sides—National Fitness Council (Highett) and Army Apprentices' School (Balcombe).

In the first division we see also a new name—"Footscray City." This is our old friend, Bradford, with a new coat of duco and a few new faces among many old ones. To accommodate all these teams it has been found necessary to form a new division of the League so that we now see a 3rd division (North) and a 3rd division (South), with 3rd division (reserves), including reserve teams from both sections. Proof that Victoria has gained recognition in other States is given by the selection of three Victorians, Jack, Wilson and Kennedy for the Australian team to tour South Africa this year. It was unfortunate that Kennedy was later compelled to withdraw for personal reasons, thereby causing Victoria to lose a hard won place in the side. In the selection of these three players we are largely indebted to our delegate on the Selection Committee—Mr. W. R. Thomas, and also to our old friend, Mr. J. O. Wilshaw, of the "Sporting Globe," who as Tasmanian delegate, gave tremendous support to the Victorian cause. Today in this edition we look back for a brief space to the glories of last season. On our cover we see that gallant band of Victorians who drew with the Jugo-Slav tourists at the M.C.G.

Among the other illustrations we see Park Rangers, Dockerty Cup winners and the only team to defeat Brighton last year; Brighton, 1st division winners, who were undefeated in League games last year; Sandringham City, 2nd division winners, also undefeated in League games, and last but not least George Cross, who won the 3rd division only after a play-off against their great rivals, Juventus, who gained promotion to the 2nd division with them.

From this point we look forward to even greater glories and to the day when Soccer is played from one end of Victoria to the other—not only by adults, but also in the schools.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Mr. Geoffrey Cohen

It is with some regret that I am writing this short message from London. I would much rather be in Melbourne at the opening round of the 1950 season. I have, however, some consolation in the thought that what I have seen, and hope to see, here in the soccer world may be of value to the Association on my return to Australia.

I want to send from this distance, and from this stronghold of soccer, my greetings to all members of the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association for the coming season which, I am sure, will be more successful than ever, and I hope that all those participating in the sport in all the different grades will have an enjoyable series of competitions. We cannot all win, but we have the knowledge that the game is, in the final analysis, greater than the prize, and that all benefit greatly from the pleasure and the comradeship which the sport affords us.

I look forward with keen interest to receiving the results of each round, week by week, and I send to one and all my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable season.

London, April, 1950.

GEOFF. COHEN.

[Mr. Geoffrey Cohen, our President, sends us the above message from the Savoy Hotel in London, where he is at present staying. We regret that he will not be with us this season for that reason.]

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DOCKERTY CUP WINNERS, 1949

Park Rangers defeated the hitherto unbeaten Brighton side in the semi-final, to win the trophy for the second year in succession.

LEAGUE TABLES

The League Tables will be published by "Soccer News" each week for all Divisions, but this will be made possible only if all clubs telephone their results on the Saturday afternoon of the matches, as "Soccer News" material must be received not later than the first post on Monday morning.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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RESULTS OF MATCHES

All results must be phoned to the "Herald" Office immediately after the termination of each match. Telephone Nos. Central 6360 and FA 8791, Extensions 407 and 416.

Alternatively, WF 3915 or MW 7476. Results should be phoned not later than 5.15 p.m.

Secretaries are requested to forward Telephone Numbers where results could be picked up.

To ensure proper publicity for soccer, the co-operation of every Secretary is requested to send their club results each week to the above Telephone Numbers.



BRIGHTON SOCCER CLUB—1st Division Premiers

Left to Right—Back row: G. Rogers (trainer), A. Scott, W. McMurray, N. Good, W. Sinclair, G. Wilkinson, G. Govaars, D. Ritchie (trainer). Front row: D. McDougall, R. Ristich, T. Jack (capt.), E. Dobric, A. Barr.

UNDEFEATED in all their League games last season, Brighton provided three men for the State side versus Jugo-Slavia. Only loss of the year was in the Cup semi-final to Park Rangers.

Save our Native Fauna No. 5



Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

(Advertisement of Carlton & United Breweries Ltd., Makers of Victoria Bitter, a healthful beverage).



SANDRINGHAM CITY—2nd Division Premiers

Left to right—Back row: J. McLennan (Pres.), Words, Walton, Kemp, McLennan, C. Norford (trainer), C. O'Donnell (manager)....Centre: T. Low (res.), Walker, L. Bingham, D. Bingham, R. White (capt.), Davis, Parvin. Front: Hammond, Finney. Founded only last season, Sandringham went through the League competition undefeated and were the only 2nd Division side to provide a player for the Victorian side. Only loss was in the "Cup" when they went down to Brighton by the odd goal in 3.



GEORGE CROSS—3rd Division Premiers

Back row (left to right): J. Pisani, G. Gatt, J. Calleja, A. Pisani, C. W. Sandham, F. Zammit, L. Florianski. Centre row (left to right): Mr. P. Grima (Committee member), Mr. C. Gatt (Secretary), B. Calleja (captain), Mr. E. D. Gatt (President), Mr. J. Gatt (Treasurer). Front row, squatting (left to right): F. Caruana, R. Mizzi, J. Buhagiar, G. Zammit, M. Galea.

Famous Maltese team, George Cross, won the 3rd Division only after a play-off against their great rivals, Juventus (Italian side), promoted with them this season to the 2nd Division.

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This club, named after its initials (which stand for Jugo-Slav United Soccer Team), will be seen playing in the 3rd division (South) this season.

Founded by Ivan Kuketz, of Brighton fame, the club will be playing on a ground at the corner of Swan Street and Punt Road, Richmond, opposite Macedonians' ground. Colors are, blue guernsey, white shorts and red stockings.

Prominent on the playing side is Eric Dobric, who last season played with Brighton. Eric played in Belgrade with the Belgrade Sports Club and was chosen to represent Jugo-Slavia at the Olympic Games in London. On the way home he left the train in Germany and, becoming a D.P., came to Australia. His ability is unquestioned, being a hard worker and a dangerous man near you!

Peter Vidovic, inside-left, played with the Hajduk team in SPLIT (Jugo-Slavia) and later for four years in Nazi prison camps. Ivan Krespi, inside-right, was in the Hajduk side, too, as also was George Rakic, right-half.

Vojislav Lalovic, centre-half, from Belgrade, was taken by the Nazis and made a forced labourer. Later, turning up in Naples, he was signed by the famous "Canecitta" club, with whom he played until coming to Australia.

Anyone thinking that 3rd division clubs are a push-over is due for a nasty shock when they meet JUST. As an indication of their form, we can say that in a trial game against a very strong Brighton side, the Jugo-Slav boys won 3-2. (Chew that over.)

This and the fact that Melbourne's Jugo-Slav talent is split between JUST and White Eagles, can leave us in no doubt as the ability of these blokes. Having seen them in action, we say "Watch this club."

ILLUSTRATIONS

Clubs requiring special photos in "Soccer News" can have them inserted at their own expense and space permitting. Rates for this are available on application to the Editor.

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ATTENTION, CLUB OFFICIALS!

Blocks of the photographs of teams published in "Soccer News" can be purchased from the Editor for a nominal fee.

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NOTICE

The fine series of articles on Victorian Soccer Clubs, which has been a weekly feature in the "Argus," has been worked in conjunction with "Soccer News."

We are indebted to the "Argus" for many fine photos, which will be a feature in "Soccer News" as the season progresses.

—EDITOR.

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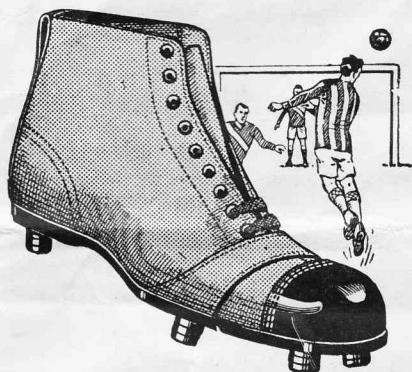
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(A letter from the Victorian Soccer Football Referees' Association).

Dear Sir,—During the past few weeks it has been my privilege and pleasure to make Soccer Broadcasts over Stations 3UZ and 3AW. Just how much these talks have been appreciated can only be gauged by the many encouraging reports and the number of requests to continue this form of propaganda.

For soccer to take its place along with all other forms of sport, it will be necessary to have the full support of all soccer enthusiasts to make this possible.

Naturally, you will ask, "How can I help, and by what means?" My answer is as follows:—

Support the Sports Store which is prepared to give a regular place in their Sports Session, namely the Melbourne Sports Depot, and the session "Sports Newsreel." I strongly appeal to secretaries of all clubs and club members alike to purchase soccer material from this store, and when doing so have the name of your club written on the docket; this will be a means of showing the management that you are genuine in your desire for such broadcasts to continue.

Having been assured of further broadcasts during the 1950 season, I am naturally anxious to make them a success. If you desire items of interest pertaining to your club put over the air, here is your opportunity.

The manager of the Melbourne Sports Depot would appreciate club secretaries placing orders for English soccer balls and boots as soon as possible, so that they will arrive in time for the beginning of the 1950 season.

Hoping my efforts have not been in vain and that it will be my pleasure to continue these broadcasts in your interests and those of soccer in general.

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E. H. LOW, Secretary.

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JUNIOR CLUB JOTTINGS**"JOCK" PARKER WELCOMES NEW CLUBS**

It is my pleasure to be able to welcome the following new clubs to the Victorian Junior Amateur Soccer Football Association for season 1950:—The Army Apprentices team from Balcombe, Moorabbin, Juventus, Bentleigh and the Highett National Fitness team. I also welcome back to the fold all old clubs, and together with the new clubs, wish you all a very happy season. The secretary of the Junior Association has informed me that for the 1950 season there has been an increase of 10 teams from that of last season, and in all the Association will be providing matches for 39 teams. This, to my mind, augurs well for the future of the game in this State, and must be pleasing indeed to all followers of the game, particularly as the majority of our junior players are young Australians. This does not mean, of course, that we do not want the overseas player in our ranks; we welcome all comers, whatever country they come from, but I merely stress the point of the young Australian's growing enthusiasm for our game, for they have not had the opportunity of seeing first-class games as is played in other parts of the world. This opportunity will come to them in 1956 when teams from many countries will visit Melbourne to take part in the Olympic Games. From then on, we can be certain that we will see a rapid increase in converts to the grand old game of soccer football.—Yours, etc.,

"JOCK" PARKER,
Chairman, V.J.A.S.F.A.

JUNIOR ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Junior Association at a meeting held late last season, decided that it would change its age groups for the 1950 season, so that it would be more in line with the other States. With this in mind, age groups were adopted as follows:—Under 20, Under 18, Under 16, and Under 14.

So poor was the response for teams in the Under 20 age group, due, no doubt, to the fact that many clubs consider that when a boy reaches 20 years of age, it is time he was playing senior football that it has been decided that the four Under 20 teams applying for entrance, be absorbed into the two sections of the Under 18 division.

This means now that the Junior Association will have four leagues; an under 18 group consisting of 8 teams, an under 18 group consisting of 9 teams, an under 16 group consisting of 10 teams, and an under 14 schoolboy group consisting of 12 teams.

The divisions are as follows:—

Under 18 "A" Section—Sandringham City, Park Rangers, Army Apprentices, Brighton, Box Hill, Hakoah, Sunshine United, and South Yarra.

Under 18 "B" Section—Preston, Moorabbin, Yallourn, Metters, Coburg, Ringwood, Juventus, Western Suburbs, and South Melbourne United.

Under 16—Ringwood, Preston, Park Rangers, Northcote, South Yarra, South Melbourne United, Box Hill, Sunshine United, Brighton, and Sandringham City.

Under 14—Sunshine United, Brighton, South Melbourne United, Coburg, Sandringham City, Bentleigh, Box Hill, Highett National Fitness, Metters, Park Rangers, Preston, and Western Suburbs.

Interstate games arranged for the season will be a visit by our Under 20 team to South Australia to compete against that State for the "Skolnik" Cup, and in addition we are to receive a visit from the Charlestown club at Newcastle, New South Wales, of their Under 20 Junior team.

In preparation for our visit from the Charlestown club, accommodation will be required for the visiting players, and the secretary of the Junior Association would welcome any offers to billet one or two of these boys during their stay here in Melbourne. The visit is expected to take place in August for a period of approximately ten days. The Junior Association secretary is Mr. J. A. Olsen, of 314 Inkerman Street, East St. Kilda, who will be glad to hear from those who can help out with accommodation.

LEARN FROM VICTORIA'S STARS

ONE—“Inside Forward Play”

By JACKIE WILSON

In the present-day style of football in which backs and half-backs specialise in close marking a great deal of responsibility for the close linking up of defence and attack rests with the inside forward.

In order to do this and to gather up loose balls the inside forward has to lie back. The distance he lies back depends on the run of the game, but as a rule it is necessary for one inside forward to lie further back than the other. These tactics are naturally dependant on the inside forward's understanding with his wing halves.

Amongst the functions he is expected to perform is to be the schemer-in-chief by opening up attacks and creating goal scoring opportunities and still find time to be up to meet centres, especially from the opposite winger, and to score goals. At least four forwards should be in the shooting line when an attack is being pressed home, the inside forward who is “UP” depending on which side of the field the attack develops. Wing halves will be expected to be in close support when attacking. In defence, the inside forward is required to mark an opponent from throw-ins, drop right back for corner kicks, and chase or worry opponents who attempt to dribble forward from mid-field.

Thus the inside forward is one of the key men and he covers a terrific amount of ground (more than any other player); therefore he needs to possess good stamina and be fit enough to play the whole 90 minutes at full speed.

The chief asset of an inside forward is to be two-footed, a good dribbler, possess good ball control and to pass accurately. As he covers so much ground, good positional sense is very necessary. Constant practice is necessary to develop these attributes and the best coaches usually concentrate on these points.

J. R. WILSON

[Jackie Wilson, of Park Rangers, the Australian inside right against South Africa this year, played last year for Victoria against Jugo-Slavia in the game which ended in a draw. Wilson scored Victoria's third goal. He is regarded by most soccer authorities as one of the finest Australian-born and trained inside men and we can recommend all junior players to read and digest and generally take note of his article.—Editor.]

* * * “SOCCER NEWS”

The Council of the V.A.S.F.A. has resolved that payments for “Soccer News” must be made each week by cheque to the Treasurer, Mr. W. W. Tunn, 2 Lockhart Street, Caulfield, S.E.8.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The following information has been received too late for publication in the Yearly Handbook:—

Williamstown District S.C.—Mr. I. C. McDonald has been appointed Secretary in place of Mr. J. R. McDonald. The address is 82 Hobson Street, Newport.

Footscray City.—Ground and Dressing Rooms, Edwards Reserve, South Kingsville. Directions: Train to Yarraville Station. Then South Kingsville bus from station to terminus. Ground is across railway lines.

Royal Caledonians.—Ground and Dressing Rooms, Princes Park, just past the Carlton Cricket Ground, in the north-east corner beside the railway lines. Dressing rooms are 300 yards from ground.

Yarraville.—Mr. G. Brydson, 12 Little Hyde Street, Yarraville, has been appointed Acting Secretary. Ground and dressing rooms, Kingsville Reserves. Train to Yarraville Station. Then South Kingsville bus from station to ground.

GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

The Soccer spark was kindled in Yallourn in 1923, when the influx of young migrants from overseas set the round ball rolling. With the exception of one short break in 1944-46 the game has been played continuously in the district ever since.

Nowadays the Yallourn side is well known to Melbourneites, but what is not known so well is the effort required to keep the club in being. Each and every week throughout the football season the Yallourn club pays out £20/10/- in transport charges to take its 1st, 2nd and Under 19 teams to and from Melbourne. We feel that such an effort is unsurpassed by any club and that even the wealthiest Aussie rules clubs, with their huge "gates," might jib at such an expense. But the Yallourn club thinks that it is worth while and though at the moment they have suffered relegation to the 2nd Division, they are determined to fight their way back to the 1st Division so that the quality of the football may not suffer in an area where the quantity is spreading so rapidly. Pioneers of the club were Jock Cairns, "Bluey" Melton, Andy Dyer and Tom Oddy, who, together with Tom and Andy Carmichael and Joe Law, joined in the formation of the then Central Gippsland League. The club's ground since 1936 has been No. 3 Sports Oval, and for years the dressing accommodation (which the club built themselves) was somewhat cramped. Now, however, a new magnificent series of club rooms has been built, including dressing rooms, with hot and cold showers, board rooms and a cafeteria (staffed by the Ladies' Committee).

Junior strength of the club, as usual, is very good, and on Saturday victories over South Melbourne's Under 16 and 19 teams in friendly games did much to boost local morale for the ensuing season.

CENTRAL GIPPSLAND SCHOOLBOY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

In 1935 Messrs Toddy and Evans built two schoolboy teams in Yallourn and in 1936 these were joined by a third team. From this the Schoolboys' Association spread.

In 1940 the Dunkling Shield—the schoolboy championship of Victoria—was won by Yallourn. Interest has grown in schoolboy soccer since the war, and now we find four Yallourn teams, i.e., Rangers, St. John's, Methodists, St. Andrew's, and one from Morwell in the 1950 competition.

Boys who have passed out of the Junior sides are now clamouring for inclusion in the senior sides in Yallourn, so that expansion in the number of senior sides must shortly follow.

V.A.S.F.A. OFFICIALS VISIT YALLOURN

On Saturday last, 25/3/50, Mr. Stuart Beaton (Secretary of the V.A.S.F.A.) visited Yallourn, accompanied by Mr. J. Olsen, of the Junior Association, and Messrs. D. Hamilton and V. J. M. Dixon, of the Victorian Soccer Council.

Mr. Beaton, after giving a classic display of football with the South Melbourne Under 19 side (they were a man short), attended a meeting held by the committee of the club. Those spectators, who were heard to murmur that it was a shame for a grown man to play against mere boys, may be excused, as it is understood that at the local hostelry they later expressed the opinion that he should have played in the earlier game (Under 16).

Whilst all this was going on Mr. Dixon attended a short meeting with the committee, when plans were discussed for "Soccer News" at Yallourn and publicity for the club generally. Mutual satisfaction was expressed by both parties.

Mr. Beaton, on recovery from his exertions, addressed the meeting on the subject of general expansion of the game in Gippsland, after which questions were asked of Mr. Beaton by members of the committee, which kept him busy for some time. Other members of the council were not spared either.

Mr. Carr (President), in conclusion, expressed the club's satisfaction at the visit of so many members of the council, and council members later mutually agreed that the discussion had been most constructive. Mr. Beaton, on behalf of the council, thanked the Yallourn club for their outstanding enthusiasm and efforts to promote the game in an area so remote from headquarters in Melbourne.

CLUB NOTES

FOOTSCRAY CITY

Footscray City (late Bradford) are looking forward to an excellent season and expect to make their presence felt in the 1st Division.

Several new arrivals from Scotland and Ireland, who show excellent soccer sense and ability, have joined the club along with last season's players.

Social events for the season are in full swing, and more will be made known about them later in "Soccer News."

Wishing all soccer clubs best of luck for 1950, and may soccer boom in Victoria this season. It is up to us.

BOX HILL

Pre-season activities got off to a good start during the month of March, when the following events took place:—A barbecue at the home of Mr. C. Bentley, which proved very popular; a dance in the main hall, Town Hall, Box Hill, on March 11; another dance has also been arranged at the same hall for Saturday, April 15. So, members, please remember the date, bring your friends and mention it to all your pals.

On Monday, March 13 (Eight Hours' Day), the Box Hill Soccer Club combined with the local Football Club and Amateur Athletic Club, to stage a sports carnival on the main Box Hill sports oval. A splendid afternoon's programme was provided and some of the notable competitors were as follows:—Ray Weinberg, Australian Empire Games representative (120 Yds. Hurdles), M. Morris (Victorian Sprint Champion). John Marks (ex-Australian 1-Mile Champion), Ian Reed (Australian Empire Games representative, and Empire Games Discus Champion). Also competing were several members of the Canadian Empire Games Athletic team in L. J. Roiinen (Empire Games Javelin Champion; S. Sigfurss (runner-up to Ian Reed in the discus throw); D. Robinson (who won the Pole Vault, jumping 11ft. 6in.), and G. Norman, who competed in the 1-Mile Walk.

On Wednesday, March 15, a Film Night of Soccer Coaching films was provided, together with "Champions of Sport," athletic films showing Don Finlay, English Hurdles Champion, and others.

BENTLEIGH

Bentleigh Soccer Club is now well on its way, and we are hoping for a very successful season. We already have had whist drives to enable us to get a little money in hand, and the support we have had is very encouraging. We shall run these whist evenings the first Tuesday in the month at the A.N.A. Hall, Bentleigh. The secretary (Russ Silverman) and treasurer (Mr. John Jones) have been very busy and have enabled the club to get a good start. The captain (Eric Lilley) is a very popular choice and will be well backed up by a very keen team.

FIFERS SOCCER CLUB

The President and members extend warm greetings to newly-joined clubs in the Association and look forward to meeting them in this new season.

We have completed our training with games against the Metropolitan Police, in which our new playing members were on view. Our sympathies now to the selectors who have the unenviable task of selecting the two teams.

The close season afforded our Social committee ample scope to arrange picnics, theatre shows and dances. All were a huge success and we look forward to our next dance. Hurry up, Bob, and fix the date!

Membership of the club is open to both playing and non-playing soccer fans and a warm welcome is extended to all. The secretary—S. Agnew, 436 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield, N.20—is always on hand at the ground to enrol new members, or he may be contacted at the above address.

Our ground is at National Park, Kew, and is said by many to be the finest in the division—why not come along and see for yourself?

In conclusion, we say "Bon Voyage" and a happy holiday ^{Mrs. R. Morgan}—we'll miss you at the games and dances. Mrs. "Bob" ^{aviles} soon for Scotland and a well-deserved holiday on April 18, sailing on ^{the} "Stratheden" along with another Fifers stalwart's wife, Mrs. Jimmy Baxter.